Madhya Pradesh has not received the IPC of CEA as the water linkage from the State Irrigation Department has not been transferred so far in favour of the Company.

Additional Grants to Gujarat

2902. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants sanctioned to Gujarat during the last three years particularly for the Saurashtra Region;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Planning Commission to sanction additional grants for this Region; and

(c) if so, the amount of grants sanctioned during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Central Plan Assistance to Gujarat State is being given in the form of block grants and block loans at the ratio of 30:70. The Net Central Assistance given to the State during the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 235.00, Rs. 260.50, Rs. 331.08 and Rs. 383.66 crores respectively. No separate grant has been sanctioned for Saurashtra region. The State Government has not asked for any Additional Central Assistance.

Mecadimisation of Kuchcha Roads in Pauri Garhwal

2903. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2458 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1996 and state the steps being taken by Government to mecadamise all the kuchcha roads in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh within five years from the year of their commissioning?:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): As per information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, it is difficult to say due to paucity of funds when all the kuchcha roads in Pauri Garhwal district will be macadamised.

Sharing of Fuel Risk in Power Projects

2904. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered Board on fuel headed by the Minister of Finance has decided to make it mandatory for fuel suppliers and the transporters to share the fuel risk in a power project;

(b) if so, whether the State Electricity Boards would, in any circumstances, be allowed to take even a part of the fuel risk;

(c) if so, whether the decision is primarily
meant for projects, which are not located at pit, head coal stations;

(d) what are the plans to be affected by this decision; and

(e) what was the main reason for imposing
this condition?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Funds for Collective Bio-Gas Plants

2905. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide entire funds for setting up bio-gas plants on collective basis in villages;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken to popularise bio-gas plants on collective basis in villages;

(d) how many villages in Gujarat have so far requested the Government to set up bio-gas plants on collective basis, district-wise; and

(e) what action Government have taken thereon?